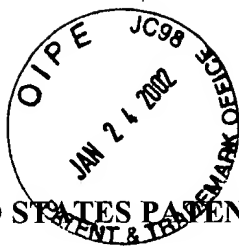


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Asst. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the requirement for restriction set forth in the Office Action of November 7, 2001, Applicants hereby elect group I; namely, claims 1, 9, 10, 17 and 18.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the remaining subject matter listed by the Examiner in the Office Action in order to adequately protect the subject matter that is disclosed herein.

Examination on the merits is respectfully awaited.

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